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Friday, September 13, 1901.

## OUR TICKET:

## DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES:

FOR GOVERNOR:

HON. A. J. MONTAGUE.

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR:

HON. J. E. WILLARD.

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL:

HON. WM. A. ANDERSON.

## OUR PRESIDENT.

A gloom settled over the whole country and people, without respect to party, race or creed, when the wires told us Friday that the President had been shot down by the hand of an anarchist. Sorrow for the estimable wife was as great as the fear for the life of the Chief Executive. Personally all parties agree that Mr. McKinley is a good man, and this is emphasized by the contrast to be drawn between the man who would succeed him should the President die. Not that Roosevelt is not a morally good man, but that his is not the nature to make a good President, particularly at this time. With Roosevelt's "strenuousness" and disposition to "scrap" we would stand in danger of international complications were than are now upon us. And then, too, the financial condition of the country might become depressed. Deny it as some will it is, nevertheless, a fact that the country is in a prosperous condition. The assassination of a President and consequent change of regime would tend to affect financial conditions.

The South can congratulate itself that the tragedy did not occur within its bounds. The triumphant tour of the President through the South-land is a memorable annal in our history. The Empire State must ever an odium attached to the sad event, and deal with the culprit will most assuredly be electrocuted. Should he outlive the assault we are told that the limit for which the assailant can be sentenced is ten years. It does seem to us that some special law should be enacted to fit the peculiar crime of slaying, or attempt at slaying, the rulers of this country. It is to be noted that one high in authority, and a Northerner, gave expression to a sentiment which possibly emanated from the excitement of the moment, but which goes to show that human nature is pretty much the same—North or South. The official in question declared emphatically that this was a case for lynching.

Our government is largely to blame for permitting such license to anarchists as was exemplified in Chicago some years ago, and more recently in Paterson, N. J. The latter place is a hot-bed of anarchism. From there was sent out the slayer of King Humbert of Italy, and from there echoes the only sound of rejoicing at President McKinley's distress and our nation's calamity. Should we continue to permit license where only liberty is granted these foreign scoundrels we must bear like consequences in the future.

Virginia, we are glad to see, in conjunction with every state and city of the Union, grieves over the Buffalo tragedy, and millions of prayers daily ascend for the President's recovery.

The oyster begins to come to the surface in the Constitutional Convention. We have able representatives in that body, and Tidewater is looking to them to see that he is not "stabbed." It has been apparent for some time that Section 2, Article X., must go. What to put in its place is where the question hinges. In the report of Convention proceedings, to be found in another column, will be seen the two provisions suggested to supply the place of the soon-to-be defunct section. In our opinion both of them should be incorporated in the new Constitution.

To preserve forever inviolate the natural rights to citizens of Virginia is not only humane and fair to the people of the State, but it will put out of agitation a subject that has long been annoying as political catch-trap. It is just as essential, too, for quietude and business prosperity that a limit be established as a license privilege for oystering. Some months ago, when it was known that the

Convention would be held, and it was almost as certain that the section which granted oystering privileges without license would be stricken out, the CITIZEN urged in its stead a section prohibiting the Legislature from levying a tax in excess of a certain figure—say \$3 or \$5. These figures seem to be within the bounds of reason. The limit should not exceed \$5, even for patent tongs, and the revenue accruing to the State from such sources will be far in excess of what is now derived. Unless some such barrier is placed upon this item of legislation the oyster will become more of a Legislative foot-ball than ever before.

A LEADING citizen of one of the Northern Neck counties recently wrote us that he had had talks with a member of the Constitutional Convention before and since the assembling of that body, and that he regretted to see that the member had weakened considerably on some essential points since being in Richmond. The writer expressed fears that the new Constitution would not come up to what had been hoped of it. That he personally had desired a "short, clean-cut instrument." Encouragement and hopes for speedy and rigorous enactments seem to flag within the breast of the writer. He is not alone in this feeling. The people at large seem to be restive under the tediousness of this, as is the case with all great movements. We would cheer our people, if possible, looking to the future. As stated last week, the splendid report of Mr. Moore's committee gives hope that others will follow in like vein, and that very soon. At the first blush disappointment takes possession of us, but by the exercise of patience all may yet be well. When finished we can criticize or applaud.

Why is the University of Virginia any more entitled to \$50,000 a year than is Washington and Lee, Norfolk College or the Chesapeake Academy? The poor boys that are able to bear the incidental expenses attached are few. The sons of parents able to pay for tuition and board are in a large majority of those whose tuition is furnished by the State.

THE News, published at South Boston, Va., has entered upon its twelfth year showing signs of progress and prosperity. The same can be said of the Norfolk Journal of Commerce, which enters its fifteenth year. Both are live papers, and we wish them long and useful careers.

NEWS ITEMS.

A truck farm of 150 acres near Portsmouth sold for \$30,000.

The Sugar Trust has advanced prices on refined sugars five points.

Newport News has been designated as the headquarters of the Virginia oyster navy.

"Bosobol," the former country home of ex-State Senator William A. Little, of Fredericksburg, has been purchased by Mr. Charles H. Hinkamp, of that city.

The sensational suit against Rev. Geo. H. Ray, Jr., of Amherst county, has been closed by the plaintiff, Mrs. Mary B. Davis, who is satisfied with the preacher's apology.

Rev. C. Noyes Tyndall, assistant rector of George's church in Fredericksburg, has received and accepted a call to the Episcopal Ministry at Cape Vincent, N. Y. He will enter upon his duties October 1st.

The Schley inquiry began yesterday (Thursday). Admiral Dewey opened court at 1 p. m. at the Washington Navy Yard. Cost of the inquiry will exceed \$50,000. Schley's counsel will challenge Admiral Howison on the charge of bias.

The Business Men's Association of Fredericksburg directed the Transportation Committee of the association to arrange with the Weems line of steamers for a series of trade excursions along the Rappahannock to that city at regular intervals.

The great steel strike still goes on. The steel trust terms were not accepted by the strikers. The trust will start mills with non-union men. The strikers show no signs of interfering. There is little hope that a compromise will be reached.

An important measure that will come up in the Virginia Methodist Conference, which will meet in November in Newport News, will be the restoration by the Conference of the former district lines, giving Virginia Conference eleven districts instead of nine, which now comprises that body.

REUNION OF BALL FAMILY.

The "Ball Assembly," a reunion of the Ball family, was in session at Keuka College, N. Y., last week. It was called to order by Dr. Geo. H. Ball, president of the college. Dr. George W. Clark, of Hightstown, N. J., was elected chairman; Frederick G. Ball, of Cleveland, Ohio, was chosen secretary, and Miss Clara Ball, residing in 13 States, was registered.

After the appointment of a committee of nine and the adoption of a resolution giving the reunion permanency as an annual event the meeting adjourned.

If we are not mistaken the members of this assembly date their lineage back to William Ball, who first settled at Millenbeck, Va., in 1632, in a castled county. Annually accounts of these reunions appear in the papers, but no mention is made of any of the Virginia members. It appears to us very much as the play of Hamlet with Hamlet left out.

## THE WOUNDED CHIEF.

## President McKinley Still Living and Hopes of Recovery Have Now Become a Certainty.

On our first page today we give a full account of the attempted assassination of President McKinley. The day before the deed the President had delivered a powerful address at Buffalo. The burden of his speech was reciprocity, which means a reduction of the protective tariff. He also declared for the building of an isthmian canal.

## IMPROVEMENT CONTINUES.

On Wednesday evening the corps of eminent surgeons and physicians in attendance upon the wounded President committed themselves without reservation to the opinion that their patient was out of danger, and that there were no complications threatening his life.

## OPERATION A SUCCESS.

The operation upon the President last almost an hour. Either was administered. A great incision was made where the ball entered the abdomen, and its course was followed until the physicians became satisfied that the kidney had not been touched or the intestines perforated, and that it had lodged, probably, in the muscles of the back where it could do no harm for the present. The intestines were lifted out, and the incision and carefully examined, and the utmost confidence exists that there was no injury. The physicians were exceedingly gratified at the result and pronounced the operation a complete success.

## AN ASTROLOGER'S WARNING.

On May 21st, when Mrs. McKimley was despaired of, Astrologer Gustavus, of Hoboken, N. J., sent the following telegram to the President:

"Your wife will live, but you are in danger of assassination."

## ASTROLOGER MEYER SAYS:

"At this time Mrs. McKinley's ascendant and the planet Neptune, denoting death or critical illness, is in the eighth house. Mars is in the twelfth house, denoting secret foes and assassination. If the President of his illness around the 26th and 27th of this month. The doctors in probing for the bullet will find considerable difficulty in locating it, as is the case of the late President Garfield."

## THE PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION.

In case of removal, death, resignation or inability of both the President and Vice-President, the following order: Secretary of State, Secretary of the Treasury, Secretary of War, Attorney-General, Postmaster-General, Secretary of the Navy, Secretary of the Interior.

## EMMA GOLDMAN ARRESTED.

Emma Goldman, the highest priestess of American anarchism, whose speeches incited the Chicago shooting, has been arrested, along with a number of Chicago anarchists.

## POLITICAL.

Hon. Geo. C. Bland has been nominated for the Legislature by the Democrats of King and Queen counties.

Senator G. W. LeCato and Delegate S. Wilkins Matthews, of Accomack, will have no opposition for renomination.

The Republicans of Stafford and King George on Saturday nominated M. K. Lowry, of Stafford, for the Legislature by acclamation.

The factions in Louisa county on Saturday split and two sets of delegates to nominate a candidate for the Legislature were named. Politics are warm there.

To keep out of politics may seem a very nice and genteel and sober kind of a thing to do, but it does not accomplish results, it is not good citizenship and it is not good business. —Richmond News.

J. G. Hanks, of Halifax, chief clerk in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, has been considered and has accepted the appointment as secretary of the State Democratic Committee. Col. Button declined to act again.

Col. J. Hampton Hoge, Republican candidate for governor, opened his campaign in Roanoke Saturday night before a large audience of whites and a number of negroes. Attorney General A. J. Moore will open his campaign on Monday next at Chatham.

R. Walter Dickinson, of Russell county, has been put up for Lieutenant-Governor by the State Executive Committee of the Republican party to take the place on the ticket vacated by Mr. Robert W. Blair, of Wythe, who was elected. Mr. Dickinson is a man about forty-five years of age. He is a merchant and a farmer.

Camm Patterson, the roarer from Buckingham, has freed his mind by sending to a Colorado paper an article on recent Virginia politics. He glories in the crowning triumph of the "people" at the recent Norfolk Convention, leading up to it with an account of the causes for the revolution. In it, all though, he is eminently fair, paying a fine tribute to Congressman Swanson and embodying the following encomiums in his letter: "I have not a single word to say against Senators John W. Daniel and Thomas S. Martin. Of the first I say he is, in my opinion, the most talented living American citizen. His character is noble, his talent and I long to see the day when John Warwick Daniel may be the President of the United States of America. He was my college companion and has been my lifelong friend; and as to the junior senator, Thomas S. Martin, I have for him a sincere friendship, and the honor of seconding his nomination, as a member of the Virginia Legislature, for the high position he now holds, and I say with truth and sincerity that he has made an able senator and is a gentleman of irreproachable character and a very high order of ability, and the honor of the State of Virginia will always be safe in his hands. He is the best legal lawyer that I have met in the practice of a quarter of a century and more."

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## Northumberland Co.

## WICOMICO CHURCH.

On last Saturday night the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dawson and claimed as his own their little daughter, Gracie. Her remains were laid to rest at the M. P. church cemetery here.

Miss Kate and Mamie Hanks are visiting their uncle, R. A. Clark.

Miss Lizzie Anderson, of Dorchester county, is visiting relatives near Milla.

A two-masted schooner is loading up Great Wicomico with poplar wood.

RAINSWOOD—DEATH.

It is with much regret that this writer chronicles the death of Mr. Raleigh M. Bryant, aged 46, who occurred at his home near here on Thursday.

By sticking a briar in his back, the remains were laid to rest in Oakland Methodist cemetery on Friday in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives. Rev. Richard Edwards conducting the funeral services. The deceased was a most respectable citizen and leaves a wife and four children, who have the sympathy of the entire community.

The Angel of Death visited the home of Thomas Alderson one day last week and claimed his youngest child.

J. E. Lewis and son, Lordolph, are quite sick at present.

G. D. Shirley is having his commodious dwelling newly painted.

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Quite a large crowd attended the entertainment given Saturday night at Oakland M. E. church.

REEDVILLE.

The steamers continue to catch an abundance of fish, consequently all of those who are engaged in menhaden fishing are wearing very cheerful countenances. A large barge is being loaded with decomposed scrap at Capt. James Martin's factory and will be taken to Richmond.

The large schooner R. S. Corson, Capt. Lawson, from Crisfield, left today loaded with guano from the same factory.

Revival services are going on at the new Bethel church in Reedville. Rev. C. R. James assisted. Brother Robins last week. Rev. R. E. Bentley is assisting in the meeting this week.

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Miss Fannie Edwards left Monday on steamer for Baltimore and other points.

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Misses Lala Coles, of Sannybank, and Fannie Coles, now of Baltimore, were welcome guests of Miss Ella Haynie the past week.

Mrs. Elsie Hastings and daughter, Miss Della, of Baltimore, are guests of Mrs. Hilson and Mrs. Haynie of this place.

Capt. Jesse Diaz paid a flying trip to our town recently.

Bob Douglass was in Baltimore last week.

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## HEATHSVILLE—DEATH.

Monday was court day. Considering the extremely busy season, a very large crowd couldn't have been expected, but the beauty of the day and perhaps a "smell" of politics proved too tempting, consequently a very good attendance was on the benches. For a few of the court cases, the crowd entered not out of striking curiosity, but to see the result of the election. The familiar voice of our good and faithful Sheriff Flynn was not heard for the day, for there was no court in session. There is considerable likelihood that the convention, which has been for many a year held at Village, will be changed this year and meet at Kinsale.

On Sunday, the day being a windy and hazy one, about dinner hour hotel Nelson, our excellent and clever proprietor, could be seen dashing with a blazing fire. All familiar with Mr. Nelson's hotel. The little kitchen which he has at his back, and this self same little kitchen is the part where the mischief was going on. If Mr. Nelson had been a good lawyer, all would have been burned. The town has been remarkably free of fire, yet for this mere fact it behooves all to be the more careful.

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